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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED JULY 24, PRESIDENT
MARCOS AND PRIME MANISTER KUKRIT STATED THEIR INTENTION
TO STRENGTHEN BI-LATERAL AND MULTI-LATERAL RELATIONS
ESPECIALLY THROUGH MEDIUM OF ASEAN. THEY EXPRESSED BELIEF
ASEAN WAS SOLID FOUNDATION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERA-
TION AMOUNG COUNTRIES OF SEA AND PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT
OF FREE TRADE AREA AS INITIAL STEP TOWARDS REGIONAL
HARMONIZATION AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. MARCOS AND KUKRIT
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RAISED HOPE TREATY OF AMITY AND COOPERATION WOULD BE

SPEEDILY APPROVED AND SHARED VIEW THAT FAVORABLE CLIMATE EXISTS FOR ASEAN SUMMIT TO BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TWO LEADERS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH NATIONS IN INDOCHINA IN TASK OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. THEY REAFFIRMED VIEW THAT FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN THE REGION WERE "TEMPORARY IN CHARACTER." COMMUNIQUE NOTED SEATO SHOULD BE PHASED OUT "TO MAKE IT ACCORD WITH THE NEW REALITIES IN THE REGION." IN REMARKS AT COMMUNIQUE CEREMONY, PRESIDENT MARCOS BLURRED TIMING ON BASES AND SEATO, STATING SPECIFICALLY THAT ACTION ON SEATO IS "MATTER WHICH SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DICTATES OF CIRCUMSTANCES AS THEY OCCUR." COMPLETE TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE BEING POUCHED EA/PHL AND BANGKOK. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS AND PRIME MINISTER KUKRIT SIGNED JOINT COMMUNIQUE MORNING JULY 24, LAST DAY OF THAI PRIME MINISTERS 4-DAY STATE VISIT TO PHILIPPINES. COMPLETE TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE BEING POUCHED. AFTER REVIEW OF KUKRIT'S ACTIVITIES IN PHILIPPINES, COMMUNIQUE NOTES TWO LEADERS REVIEWED PROGRESS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS SINCE 1949 AND AGREED THAT IN VIEW GROWING COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN THAILAND AND PHILIPPINES BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED FURTHER BY EXPANDING COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY THROUGH ASEAN.

2. COMMUNIQUE STATES TWO LEADERS CONCURRED ON GENERAL TREND TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND REVIEWED WITH SATISFACTION EFFORTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES WITHOUT REGARD TO IDEOLOGY. LEADERS EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVANCE OF PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES AND STRICT RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF EVERY STATE. COMMUNIQUE ALSO RECOGNIZES NEED FOR ENLARGEMENT OF PRODUCTIVE COOPERATION AMONG STATES IN REGION, REGARDLESS OF DIFFERENCES IN THEIR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS. IN THIS CONNECTION KUKRIT AND MARCOS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON VISITS TO PRC AND ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES AND PRC.

3. ON ASEAN, COMMUNIQUE STATES IT HAS BECOME SOLID FOUNDATION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES OF SEA IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL MATTERS. KUKRIT AND MARCOS SHARED VIEW THAT IT WAS TIMELY TO TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TOWARDS REGIONAL HARMONIZATION OF PLANS INVOLVING THE INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL POLICIES OF ASEAN COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS STEPS TOWARDS REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. INITIAL MEASURE WOULD BE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE TRADE AREA. TWO LEADERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION INCREASINGLY CLOSE CONSULTATIONS AMONG ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS. THEY

AGREED ON CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF SUCH CONSULTATION
WHICH SHOULD ALSO BE HELD AMONG ASEAN LEADERS AT SUMMIT
LEVEL WHENEVER APPROPRIATE. THEY SHARED VIEW FAVORABLE
CLIMATE EXISTS FOR ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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LEADERS AGREED IMPORTANT INITIAL STEP TOWARDS REALIZATION
OF ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTH EAST

ASIA WAS TREATY OF AMITY AND COOPERATION AND EXPRESSED
HOPE TREATY WOULD BE SPEEDILY APPROVED BY ASEAN LEADERS.

4. TWO LEADERS WELCOMED END OF WAR IN INDOCHINA AND HOPED
THIS WOULD ENHANCE PROSPECTS FOR LASTING PEACE, PROGRESS
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AND STABILITY IN REGION. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE PEOPLES
OF INDOCHINA COULD CONTRIBUTE TO BUILDING STABLE COMMUNITY
IN SOUTH EAST ASIA AND REITERATED WILLINGNESS TO ENTER
INTO FRIENDLY AND HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH NATION
IN INDOCHINA AND TO COOPERATE IN COMMON TASK OF NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT ON BASIS OF STRICT ADHERENCE BY ALL CONCERNED
TO PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL
COOPERATION, NON-INTERFERENCE, RESPECT FOR SOVERIEGNTY AND
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

5. KUKRIT AND MARCOS REAFFIRMED THEIR VIEWS THAT FOREIGN
MILITARY BASES IN THE REGION WERE "TEMPORARY IN CHARACTER"
BUT EXPRESSED CONVICTION THEIR FUTURE RELATIONS WITH MAJOR
POWERS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE FRUITFUL AND BASED ON MUTUALITY
OF INTEREST. THEY URGED MAJOR POWERS TO CONTRIBUTE IN
MORE POSITIVE WAYS TO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO ENHANCE PEACE
PROGRESS AND STABILITY IN SEA.

6. TWO LEADERS NOTED SEATO HAS SERVED ITS PURPOSES COMMENDABLY
BUT AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE PHASED OUT
TO MAKE IT "ACCORD WITH THE NEW REALITIES IN THE REGION."

7. COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDES BY NOTING THAT CULTURAL AGREEMENT
WAS SIGNED AS AN INITIAL MEASURE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
DECISION TO BROADEN BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THAILAND
AND PHILIPPINES.

8. IN FORMAL REMARKS AT COMMUNIQUE SIGNING CEREMONY, PRESIDENT
MARCOS STATED THAT HE AND KUKRIT WOULD RECOMMEND STRONGLY
TO ASEAN MEMBERS THAT THEY SEEK STABILITY IN REGION, NOT
ONLY THROUGH PRESENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS BUT BY COORDINATED
ACTIONS, HARMONIZATION OF POLICIES, "AND POSSIBLY A CUSTOMS
UNION, A FOREIGN TRADE UNION OR FOREIGN EXCHANGE PAYMENT
UNION, AS WELL AS THAT DREAM OF A COMMON MARKET." MARCOS ALSO
COMMENTED THAT FOREIGN BASES WERE TEMPORARY IN CHARACTER BUT
SAID AT THE SAME TIME HE AND KUKRIT HAD AGREED IT WAS
NECESSARY NOT ONLY FOR REGION BUT FOR PEACE OF THE WORLD THAT
"WE CONTINUE THE GOOD RELATIONS THAT WE HAVE WITH THE GREAT
POWERS OF THE WORLD IN ORDER TO ENHANCE BOTH STABILITY AND
PROSPERITY IN THE REGION." MARCOS ALSO INTERPRETED SEATO
LANGUAGE IN COMMUNIQUE STATING THAT WHILE IT HAD BEEN AGREED
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IN PRINCIPLE THAT SEATO SHOULD BE PHASED OUT, "THIS ACTION IS A MATTER WHICH SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DICTATES OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AS THEY OCCUR." IN HIS OFFICIAL REMARKS PRIME MINISTER KUKRIT TERMS DOCUMENT HE WAS SIGNING "A VERY SUBSTANTIVE JOINT COMMUNIQUE," BUT HAD NO OTHER SPECIFIC COMMENT.

9. COMMENT: WE SHALL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ON KUKRIT VISIT AND COMMUNIQUE SEPTTEL.
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